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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR LIBYA

REF: AMMAN 8604 (NOTAL)

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-- IF JORDAN DECIDES TO PROVIDE THIS ASSISTANCE, IT WILL HAVE TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT AGREE TO THE TRANSFER OF TRAINING ACQUIRED THROUGH MAP, FMS OR IMET PROGRAMS. CLEARLY THERE WILL BE SHADOWY AREAS AND WE WILL HAVE TO CONSULT CLOSELY ON THE NATURE OF TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE JORDANIANS, IF JORDAN ULTIMATELY DECIDES TO CONFIDENTIAL

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